

Left Side

We will endeavour to build the reign of God,
bringing a sense of hope and transformation
in our world.

Leading students in making their school
a Christ-centred learning community,
Acting justly, loving tenderly, walking humbly
with you.

Right Side

We will endeavour to be prophetic,
trusting your loving Spirit, ever active,
making all things new.

Creating new responses to the changing
needs of our times,
envisioning ways to give, heal and defend life.

Left Side

We will endeavour to mentor leaders of
future generations,
setting standards of educational excellence,
educating the whole person to lead and to
serve,
Creating and collaborating with colleagues.

Right Side

We will endeavour to develop personal gifts
and talents,
respecting each student as unique and
important,
fanning into flames the gifts You confer.

**All**

We will endeavour to share Christ's mission in
the world,
responding to a bruised world,
the poor, oppressed, victims of violence,
respecting all persons of every race and creed
in our culturally diverse world,
Witnessing Catholic education leading the way.

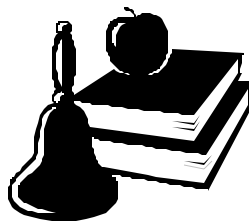
—*School Sisters of St. Francis, NCEA 2001*

Closing Prayer

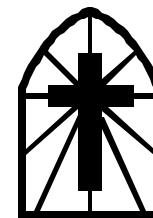
O Lord, support us all the day long of this
troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen, and the
evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of
life is over,
and our work is done. Then of thy mercy grant
us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last:
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Verses on Various Occasions

by John Henry Cardinal Newman
Longmans, Green, and Co. London 1903



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**Catholic School
Communities:**

We Have Our Mission



Introduction

As Catholic Educators, we have our mission. Education is a life-long experience leading us forth from where we are, to where God would have us be, in the example of Jesus. We ask God to help us to deepen our knowledge and understanding, our awareness and sensitivity, our discipleship and our serving others in God's name.

Opening Prayer: A Prayer by John Cardinal Henry Newman

God has created me to do some definite service;
God has committed some work to me which God has not committed to another.

I have my mission.... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. God has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do my sacred work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep God's commandments. Therefore I will trust God, whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away...



Prayer of Thanksgiving: In Praise of Learning

Reader 1: For reading;
Those peculiar marks on a page are so able to inform us,
to entertain us, and to move us to laughter and tears,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 2: For handwriting, grammar and spelling;
which as tools enable us to capture our thoughts and communicate them clearly to others,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 3: For mathematics;
with its dependable patterns and principles which reassure us that the world is not so in-constant as we might fear,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 4: For science;
which challenges us to explore our universe and reveals the world to be all the more wonderful the more we understand it,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 5: For social studies;
which teaches us to know ourselves and to know each other,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 6: For art;
with its absorbing, unexcelled joy of making, seeing, and appreciating the beautiful,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 7: For music,
with its mystical power to reach us and unite us as nothing else can,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 8: For physical education;
which teaches us to understand our bodies,
and gain satisfaction inherent in strength and skill,
All: We thank you, God.

Reader 9: God,
for all truth,
and for hearts and minds to know the truth,
we thank you.
All: We thank you, God.

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Choral Prayer: We Have Our Mission

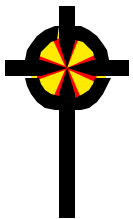
Leader

United in a common mission, let us pray:

Loving God, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier,
We pray for courage and strength to live our commitment to Catholic Education.

With Your grace, may every small seed we plant, like the mustard seed, grow into a mighty tree.

We ask this of You "in whom we live and move and have our being."



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